

IN THE CLAIMS:

1-9. (canceled)

10. (currently amended) A sauce for alimentary use comprising:

at least 40% balsamic vinegar of Modena,

~~a thickening agent,~~

~~and a sugar,~~

~~wherein the thickening agent and the sugar are contained in a basic preparation~~

containing thickening agent and sugar, said basic preparation comprising sugar, lactose,

dehydrated glucose syrup, maltodextrin, modified starch and xanthan gum.

11. (previously presented) The sauce according to claim 10, further comprising a flavoring base.